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OBJECTIVES FOR THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976

SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTIVES

Provide reliable and timely intelligence, including comprehensive assessments, to support U.S. policy formulation and negotiations and the National Command Authorities, on the following priority topics:

1. Soviet policies, intentions and capabilities for execution of political, security and economic programs, including the dynamics of and factors affecting decision making by the Soviet leadership.
2. Current and future Soviet capabilities and intentions to extend political influence and military power outside the USSR in areas of security and policy interest to the United States, with particular attention to the Middle East, to the NATO periphery of the USSR and to China.
3. Major developments in Soviet military RDT&E and weapon systems deployment, particularly as such relate to compliance with the Strategic Arms Limitation agreements, the Limited Test Ban Treaty, the Mutual Balanced Force Reduction negotiations, and the observance of cease fire/peace treaty arrangements.
4. Policies, intentions and capabilities of the People's Republic of China in key political, strategic military and economic areas which impact on important interests of the United States, its allies, the USSR, the rest of Asia and the more influential underdeveloped countries.
5. Emergency or crisis situations requiring a United States response in support of its security, foreign policy or economic interests (e.g., changes in the politico/military situation in the Middle East, major new OPEC decisions, international hostilities not involving U.S. forces, or a coup against a government closely allied with the United States).
6. Major foreign economic developments, particularly those related to energy resources and policies, to the international monetary system, and to the dynamics of economic policy formulation

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NOTE: Some intelligence problems of major importance against which continuing attention is directed, such as strategic warning of an attack against the United States or its forces, are deliberately omitted from this listing. The objectives described are those against which it is considered new or special attention will be required during the coming fiscal year.

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